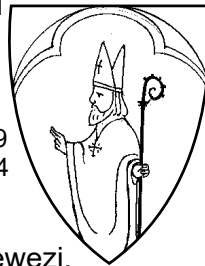
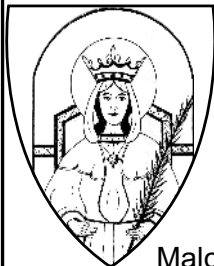


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Easter Week 6

5th May 2024.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Psalm 97; 1 John 4:7-10; John 15:9-17

In our first reading St Peter is teaching a group of pagans who receive the gift of the Holy Spirit as he speaks to them. Some of his Jewish followers are amazed that pagans should receive the gift that they believed only true followers could receive but Peter reminds them that God's message is for all people regardless of their nationality or race or skin colour. St John speaks to us in the second reading about the love of God and tells us that God is love and that he revealed his love by sending his Son into the world for us. This theme of love is continued in the gospel where Christ tells us to remain in his love and we do this by keeping the commandments and loving God above all else. If we live in love we will reach out to others no matter where they come from and we will work to build up the kingdom of God in peace, harmony and love. In the text, Christ also tells us that he is commissioning each of us to go out and spread this love where ever we may find ourselves. He has called us and he is waiting for our reply and our full commitment.

The Gospel boils down to something really quite simple:

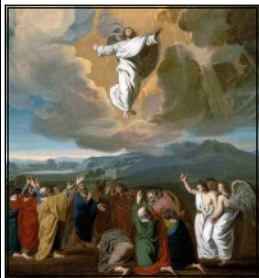
Remain in Jesus' love...

*"Abide in me as I abide in you"...keep the commandments,
love one another. Yes, the command is simple, but the demand is
imposing: lay down our lives.*

*Keeping God's commandments is laying down our lives - we surrender
our will to doing God's will and in this is the dying. Caring for and
reaching out to others is laying down our lives - also a dying. Doing
little things every day, not because we have to but because we see the
other as the beloved of God, is dying.*

*We choose all these and other ways of dying because we know this is
the cost of discipleship; this is why we need the gift of the Spirit;
this is why we prepare for Pentecost. (Living Liturgy, p.132)*

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord 9th May



It falls on the fortieth day after Easter Sunday, which corresponds to the day when Jesus ascended into heaven. Here are some key points about this solemnity:

The Ascension is based on biblical accounts found in the New Testament. In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus appears to the eleven disciples on a mountain in Galilee after His resurrection. He commissions them to go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. In the Acts of the Apostles, the disciples

witness Jesus being taken up into heaven while a cloud conceals Him from their sight. Two angels appear and assure them that Jesus will return in the same way. The Ascension marks the end of Jesus' earthly presence and inaugurates the presence of the Body of Christ—the Church. It emphasizes Jesus' exaltation and enthronement at the right hand of the Father. The gates of Heaven are opened, offering the hope of eternal life for believers. The Ascension brings the disciples back to Galilee, where their journey with Jesus began. Galilee symbolizes the place of their initial encounter with Him and the formation of the early Christian community. The cloud that envelops Jesus during the Ascension recalls other significant moments in salvation history (e.g., Mount Sinai, the ark of the covenant, and the Transfiguration). Jesus' Ascension is not a separation but a different way of being. His bodily departure opens the gates to eternal life. Despite their imperfections, Jesus entrusted the task of witnessing His Gospel to the wounded community of disciples. The Church continues this mission, empowered by the Holy Spirit. In summary, the Ascension of the Lord is a pivotal event that underscores Jesus' victory, His ongoing presence with us, and the Church's mission to proclaim the Gospel to all nations.

The Ascension of the Lord, 9th May Holy-day of Obligation

On this day Jesus tells us, "Go throughout the whole world and preach the gospel to all mankind." We are reminded that it is our job to make God known to everyone. Making God known to the whole world might feel like a bit of a tall order, but we need only start with our own corner. Like weeding a garden ... if we each concentrate on our own patch the garden will soon be a small paradise!

First Holy Communion 2024 Rehearsal

St Swithin's School Wednesday 8th 5.45pm

Emmaus Wednesday 15th 5.45pm.

Our Lady & St Swithin's School will make their First Communion on Saturday 11th May 10.30am. The following Saturday the children from Emmaus School will receive

First Communion.

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May Procession Sunday 26th May

All First Communion children are invited to come in their beautiful clothes and celebrate with a tea party.

The Piety Stall

Has a beautiful selection of First Holy Communion cards, rosary beads, bracelets and gifts. Come in and see take a look.



May, Month of the Holy Rosary



1st Joyful Mystery The Annunciation

Was Mary sitting or kneeling or laying.
A vision appears the angel Gabriel is saving,
'Do not be afraid, be glad and rejoice,
You are in Gods favor, You are God's choice.
You'll give birth to a Son, He will reign for all time.
You will call him Jesus, out of David's line.'
Mary full of wonder, and deeply disturbed.
Without question, say's "YES"
to God's holy word.



*May our hearts be still,
let our mind's be free.
And listen to God's massage
to you and to me.*

*Let us act without question or reason or rhyme.
Saying yes to our God, Lord thy will not mine.
Be it unto us, by Thy holy word,
We will not be afraid, we will not be scared.*

2nd Joyful Mystery The Visitation

Mary visits per cousin, Elizabeth by name.
She tells the vision, when the angel came.
Elizabeth is pregnant the child leapt in her womb.
On seeing Mary, joy filled the room.
They comfort each other and Mary would stay.
Till the birth of the Baptist
who would prepare the way.
Zachariah remained mute,
till he named his son John.

The scriptures now show, God's will being done.
We thank you our God, You chose Mary
for mother. For the coming of your Son.
who will call us his brother.

*For the everyday graces,
You bestow all the while.
To You thanks and praise,
with a heart rendering smile.*



3rd Joyful Mystery The Nativity



There was no room, for them at the inn's.
A stable is where Jesus life begins.
The shepherds came and wise men from afar.
They were shown the way,
by a bright wandering star.
With gifts and prayers and songs or praise
God's Son is with us, now and always.

*You shine for us, baby Jesus Our Lord.
We follow You, by Your blessed accord.
You are the Truth, the Light and the Way
And by Your side, we all wish to stay.*

4th Joyful Mystery The Presentation

Jesus was offered, to the Lord God most high.
Simeon gave praise, and with a gentle sigh.
Said 'Thank you God, for my two eyes that see.
The salvation of the world
who was sent just from Thee.
I can go in peace, now the Saviour is here.
The light and Your Glory to me now is clear'.



*We offer our hearts Lord,
fill them with you Love.
We offer our minds Lord
look down from above.*

*Fill them with thoughts of Your Loving embrace.
We offer our souls Lord, fill them with Your grace.
We thank You Lord, and give praise to Your name.
We pray the world over, will all do the same.*

5th Joyful Mystery The Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple

Mary and Joseph, looked round, He was gone. In Jerusalem's Temple, was the 12 year old Son.
When asked of his Mother, 'What are You doing here?' 'My Father's Business,'
was His answer quite clear. Pondering His words, they did-not understand.

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, went home, hind in hand.

Please God, help us to find, all of Your people, we have left behind.

May we receive them, with a wide open heart.

And, with them, through Your Son, make a brand new start.



Live Streaming System

All services are live streamed via Church Services TV. You can view Services via the link on our website, Facebook and Twitter sites or at www.churchservices.tv/croxteth

Liturgy for the Week

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs & St Swithin

Saturday	04th	6.00pm	James Bird (25 th Ann & B'day) & Joan Foster LD
Sunday	05th	11.30am	Parishioners
Tuesday	07th	9.00am	Mass: Vignia L.D. Adoration until 12noon Vigil for Ascension
Wednesday	08th	7.00pm	Mass: Alan Malone
Thursday	09th	9.00am	Mass: Sneyd Family
Saturday	11th	6.00pm	Bernie Boyd (90th B'day)
Sunday	12th	11.30pm	Parishioners



Faith



Hope



Love



Charity



Your prayers are asked for those who have

Died recently

Terence Pugh, Josephine Wharton,
Cynthia Lamont, Alan Jones,
Rita Raykoske, Max Price'

Anniversaries and Birthdays

Winifred Curran,
Kath Morley (26 yrs)

Please pray too for all those who are lonely or housebound and for those who are sick, at home or in hospital, especially.

Chas <i>Toni Dal</i> Diane Bell Eileen Guy Peter Kelly Kathy Platt Bernie Boyde Angela Adlen David Holgate <i>Margaret Lace</i>	Kathy Fox Paul & Kate Joan Turner Julie Pearce John Murphy Joseph McVey Angela Gregory <i>G., + MP., + TC.,</i> Maureen O'Connor Marie O'Shaunessy	Robbie Ross Peter Fraser Mary Wilson Ann Shreeve Moya Russell Colette Jones Vera O'Connell Kathleen Halliwell	<i>Margaret & Joseph <u>Maloney</u> Vassilis <u>Alamaniotis</u> Joan, Andreas <u>Samaras</u> Christine & David <u>Fitzsimmons</u> Francine & Peter <u>Simpson</u></i>
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Money Collection Report

Last week's loose collection came to £ 242.52 add to this £ 140.55 from gift aid and standing orders, makes a total of £ 383.07. Thank you.